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Remarks

The Examiner is requested to note the change in the Docket Number for this application: It should now be referred to as Docket Number 33,359-00.

The Examiner has imposed the following seven-way Restriction Requirement:

Group I, Claims 1-4, drawn to an attenuated respiratory syncytial virus subgroup B.

Group II, claims 5-6, drawn to a method of immunizing an individual to induce protection against RSV subgroup B.

Group III, claims 7 and 8 as the claims read on genome RSV, drawn to a transcription vector comprising an isolated nucleic acid of RSV.

Group IV, claims 7 and 8 as the claims read on antigenome RSV, drawn to a transcription vector comprising an isolated nucleic acid of RSV.

Group V, claims 9 and 10 as the claims read on genome RSV, drawn to a method of producing an infectious attenuated RSV using a transcription vector.

Group VI, claims 9 and 10 as the claims read on antigenome RSV, drawn to a method of producing an infectious attenuated RSV using a transcription vector.

Group VII, claim 11, drawn to a nucleic acid molecule comprising an RSV subgroup B.

Applicants hereby elect to proceed in this application with Group I, Claims 1-4. Applicants reserve the right to pursue the subject matter of Claims 5-11 through the timely filing of one or more divisional applications.

Respectfully submitted,

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